

**WE CLAIM:**

1           1.     A device comprising:  
2                 a lower electrode;  
3                 a substrate formed on the lower electrode;  
4                 a triangle mesa structure formed on the substrate for lateral  
5 confinement of light;  
6                 a triangle optical cavity formed in the mesa structure;  
7                 an upper electrode formed on the mesa structure; and  
8                 a plurality of contact spots formed on the upper electrode  
9 corresponding to maxima of optical field intensity for at least one optical  
10 mode on a lateral plane in the optical cavity.

1           2.     The device of claim 1 wherein the triangle mesa structure is  
2 truncated.

1           3.     The device of claim 1 wherein the device is one selected from  
2 the group consisting of a light emitting diode (LED), a semiconductor laser  
3 diode, a resonance cavity LED, a unipolar semiconductor laser diode, a light  
4 output device, a semiconductor laser gyroscope and a semiconductor device  
5 generating light.

1           4.     The device of claim 1 wherein the triangle optical cavity is  
2 truncated.

1           5.     The device of claim 1 further comprising:  
2                 an additional plurality of triangle mesa structures formed on the  
3 substrate wherein each of the additional triangle mesa structures includes a  
4 structure generally the same as the triangle mesa structure;

5                   an additional plurality of upper electrodes respectively formed  
6 on and respectively corresponding to the additional triangle mesa structures;  
7 and  
8                   a plurality of trenches providing optical connection among the  
9 triangle mesa structure and the additional triangle mesa structures.

1           6.     The device of claim 5 wherein the triangle mesa structure and  
2 the additional triangle mesa structures are formed on the substrate in a  
3 topology selected from the group consisting of an array, cascade, lattice,  
4 super lattice, matrix, hollow matrix, hexagon and polygon.

1           7.     The device of claim 5 wherein the triangle mesa structure and  
2 the additional triangle mesa structures are truncated.

1           8.     The device of claim 5 further comprising a light output structure  
2 formed on the substrate for controlling light output direction.

1           9.     The device of claim 8 wherein the light output structure is one  
2 selected from the group consisting of a triangle, ridge, plane waveguides and  
3 an optical fiber.

1           10.    The device of claim 1 wherein the substrate is one selected  
2 from the group consisting of n-GaAs, n-InP, n-SiC and sapphire.

1           11.    The device of claim 1 wherein the triangle optical cavity further  
2 comprises:  
3                   an upper waveguide mirror;  
4                   a lower waveguide mirror; and;

5 a waveguide layer disposed between the upper mirror and the  
6 lower mirror for vertical confinement of the light.

1 12. The device of claim 1 wherein the triangle mesa structure  
2 further includes an AlGaAs waveguide layer comprising:

3 an upper mirror selected from the group consisting of a p-type  
4 AlGaAs cladding layer and p-type AlGaAs superlattice;

5 a lower mirror selected from the group consisting of an n-type  
6 AlGaAs cladding layer and n-type AlGaAs superlattice; and

7 an upper contact layer made of p-type AlGaAs.

1 13. The device of claim 12 wherein the contact spots are shaped by  
2 a process selected from the group consisting of non-uniform metal  
3 deposition, metal deposition over a dielectric mask, non-uniform doping of  
4 the upper contact layer, and ion-implantation treatment of the upper contact  
5 layer.

1 14. The device of claim 1 wherein the contact spots are shaped by  
2 a process selected from the group consisting of non-uniform metal  
3 deposition, metal deposition over a dielectric mask, non-uniform doping, and  
4 ion-implantation.

1 15. The device of claim 1 further comprising a buffer layer made of  
2 BAIGaInN.

1 16. The device of claim 1 wherein the triangle mesa structure  
2 further includes an InGaAsP waveguide layer comprising:

3 an upper mirror selected from the group consisting of a p-type  
4 InP cladding layer p-type InGaAsP superlattice;

5 a lower mirror selected from the group consisting of an n-type  
6 InP cladding layer, n-type InGaAsP superlattice and n-type AlInGaAs  
7 superlattice; and  
8 an upper contact layer made of p-type InP.

1 17. The device of claim 1 wherein the triangle mesa structure  
2 further includes an InGaN waveguide layer comprising:  
3 an upper mirror selected from the group consisting of a p-type  
4 AlGaN cladding layer and p-type AlGaN superlattice;  
5 a lower mirror selected from the group consisting of an n-type  
6 AlGaN cladding layer and n-type AlGaN superlattice; and  
7 an upper contact layer made of p-type AlGaN.

1 18. The device of claim 1 wherein the triangle mesa structure  
2 further includes an InGaAs waveguide layer comprising:  
3 an upper mirror selected from the group consisting of a p-type  
4 AlGaAs cladding layer p-type AlGaAs superlattice;  
5 a lower mirror selected from the group consisting of an n-type  
6 AlGaAs cladding layer and n-type AlGaAs superlattice; and  
7 an upper contact layer made of p-type AlGaAs.

1 19. The device of claim 1 wherein the triangle mesa structure  
2 further comprises an active layer selected from the group consisting of  
3 InGaAs/GaAlAs double heterostructure, InGaAs/GaAlAs single quantum well,  
4 InGaAs/GaAlAs multiple quantum wells, and current asymmetric resonance  
5 tunneling structure.

1 20. The device of claim 1 wherein the triangle mesa structure  
2 further comprises an active layer selected from the group consisting of

- 3 InGaAsP/GaAlAsP double heterostructure, InGaAsP/GaAlAsP single quantum
- 4 well, InGaAsP/GaAlAsP multiple quantum wells, and current asymmetric
- 5 resonance tunneling structure.